

Concluded: Civil Protest at Ambassador Bridge - S1048725

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CONCLUDED Significant Event: S1048725

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Conclusion –

At 1900 ET, the protest ended and demonstrators are no longer present. This concludes BOC reporting for this event.

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Update 2 –

At approximately 1640 ET, a passenger vehicle stopped in the laneway on the approach to the on-ramp of the US bound traffic for the bridge. The traveller attempted to block traffic but was not successful as vehicles went around them and continued on. The Ambassador Bridge company notified the Windsor Police Service of the incident, however the vehicle moved on and is no longer blocking the road. It has been reported that the vehicles involved in the slow roll protest have stopped again on Huron Church Road and have blocked northbound traffic about one km south of the Ambassador Bridge. The Windsor Police Service attended and compelled the protesters to begin moving again. This appears to be a new strategy for the protest. Stopping sporadically and blocking traffic until forced to continue by the local police.

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Update –

At approximately 1530 ET, it was reported that the slow roll protest stopped 2 kilometers south of the POE on Huron Church and blocked all six lanes of traffic. The Windsor Police was on scene dealing with the situation. This resulted in longer processing times for truck referrals that had to be convoyed to the offsite warehouse for inspection. As of 1600 ET, the traffic on Huron Church road was moving again. No other impact to operations.

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Synopsis –

On January 23, 2022, as of 1130 ET, a convoy of approximately 200 vehicles are participating in a Slow Roll protest on the roadways leading up to the [Ambassador Bridge](#) and proceeding in loop around the port of entry (POE). The demonstration is a protest of the new requirement for commercial truck drivers to be fully vaccinated. The convoy includes both commercial and personal vehicles. They are not interfering with normal processing of border traffic and there is a police presence along the roadways to ensure they are not blocking intersections. At approximately 1428 ET, it was reported that local media is now covering the protest.

Impact –

No operational impact was reported.

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CBSA Action/Next Steps –

The BOC will monitor and provide updates as they are made available.

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Source –

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